Transfer of Nuclear Technology to Libya

2217. SHRI SURAJ PRASAD:
SHRI CHATURANAN MISHRA:

Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that in 1978 the Government of India entered into an agreement with the Government of Libya for transferring entire range of nuclear technology to Libya; and

(b) if so, what were the main features of this agreement?

THE PRIME MINISTER (SHRIMATI INDIRA GANDHI): (a) A Memorandum of Understanding regarding the utilisation of Atomic Energy for peaceful purposes was signed in Delhi in July 1978 between Prime Minister Morarji Desai and Staff Major Jalloud of the Socialist People's Libyan Arab Jamahriyah.

(b) The Agreement provided for the exchange and training of scientists, and provision of information, documentation and equipment on nuclear technology.

The Department of Atomic Energy was not informed until a later stage when it expressed certain reservations on certain provisions of the Agreement.

Submission of report by Non-aligned Experts Group on International Conference of Money and Finance for Development

2218. SHRI SURAJ PRASAD:
SHRI CHATURANAN MISHRA:

Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the Non-aligned experts group on the International Conference on Money and Finance for Development of the Third World has submitted its report to the Prime Minister as Chairperson of NAM; and

(b) if so, what are the main conclusions of the report?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS (SHRI A. A. RAHIM): (a) and (b) A Nonaligned Group of Experts was set up last autumm by Prime Minister to examine the substantive and procedural issues arising from the NAM proposal for the International Conference on Money and Finance for Development The Group has finalised its report and the Report is in the process of being submitted. In its Report the Group of Experts has assessed the international monetary and financial system and examined the deficiencies and omissions in the existing system. The Group of Experts has made recommendations to overcome these deficiencies and indicated approaches and modalities to convene the International Conference on Money and Finance for Development.

Setting up of a Pig Iron project in India

2219. SHRI HUSEN DALWAI: Will the Minister of STEEL AND MINES be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the Government of India propose to set up a pig iron project in India with foreign collaboration;

(b) if so, what is the proposed location for the said project;

(c) what is the proposed capacity of the plant; and

(d) what would be the likely investment for the said project?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF STEEL AND MINES (SHRI N. K. P. SALVE): (a) to (d) Government is examining

the feasibility of utilising certain promising foreign technologies that enable the production of pig iron without the use of coking coal. Location, capacity and likely investment will be determined as soon as the examination, which is in progress, is completed.

Romanian offer to buy iron ore from India

2220. SHRI R. SAMBA SIVA RAO: Will the Minister of STEEL AND MINES be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that during his recent visit to Romania, the President of that country had offered to buy iron ore and ore concentrate from India; and

(b) if so, what are the details in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF STEEL AND MINES (SHRI N. K. P. SALVE): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) The President of Romania was keen that our trade should increase to the benefit of both sides. He offered to purchase 100 million tonnes of iron ore and iron ore concentrate till the turn of the century, of course, ensuring that the trade between the two countries is balanced.

Functioning of the State Public Service Commissions

2221. SHRI SATYA PRAKASH MALAVIYA: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government's attention has been drawn to the news item which appeared in the Economic Times of 9th July, 1984 about the state of affairs prevailing in the matter of appointments made by the State Public Service Commissions in the country, especially in Punjab and Haryana;

(b) whether the Central Government have received any complaints in this regard;

(c) whether Government have received similar complaints in respect of Union Public Service Commission also; and

(d) whether there is any proposal under Government's consideration to enlarge the function of the U.P.S.C. to cover the recruitment to semi-Government and public sector units?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI P. VENKATASUBBAIAH): (a) Yes, Sir. However, as per Article 316 of the Constitution, the Chairman and other Members of a State Public Service Commission are appointed by the Governor of the concerned State and, therefore, matters pertaining to Haryana and Punjab Public Service Commissions are the concern of the respective State Governments.

(b) to (d). No, Sir.

Protest against Amendment of NSA

2222. SHRI SATYA PRAKASH MALAVIYA: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government's attention has been drawn to the statement issued by the Society for Development of Socialist Laws and Democratic Practice, New Delhi protesting against the Ordinance amending the National Security Act and inserting of a new section 5A therein;

(b) whether there have been protests from other quarters also in this regard; and

(c) whether Government propose to review the matter?